

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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1. (Original) A method of storing a respiring biological material wherein the respiring biological material is stored in a packaging atmosphere within a sealed container which

(a) has an interior surface at least part of which is composed of a hydrophilic polymer composition (HPC), and

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(b) comprises an auxiliary component comprising a second polymeric composition (i) which is not an HPC, and (ii) through which pass oxygen and carbon dioxide entering or leaving the packaging atmosphere.

2. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 which has at least one of the following characteristics

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(a) the auxiliary component has an R ratio of at least 1.5;

(b) the auxiliary component has a P<sub>10</sub> ratio of at least 1.3;

(c) the auxiliary component comprises an atmosphere control member (ACM) comprising a microporous film having a coating of the second polymeric composition ~~polymer~~-thereon;

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(d) the auxiliary component is part of a laminate comprising a first layer and composed of the HPC and a second layer composed of the second polymeric composition, the second layer having one or more of the following characteristics

(i) it is less 10 micron thick,

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(ii) it is composed of a polyolefin,

(iii) it is part of a three-layer laminate and is sandwiched between the first layer and a third layer, and

(iv) it has an MVTR of 50 to 250.

30 3. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the HPC is in the form of a film having a window therein, and the auxiliary component covers the window.

4. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the container comprises at least one first discrete section composed of the HPC and at least one second discrete section composed of the second polymeric composition.

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5. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the HPC provides at least 50 % of the interior surface of sealed container.

6. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the packaging

10 atmosphere has an oxygen content of 2-5% and a carbon dioxide content of 5-10%.

7. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the HPC composition comprises a polyamide.

15 8. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein a film consisting of the HPC, when immersed in water at 23°C, has an equilibrium water content of at least 6.0 % by weight based on the dry weight of the composition.

20 9. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein a film consisting of the HPC, when exposed at 23°C to an atmosphere having a relative humidity of 50%, has an equilibrium water content of at least 2.4%, by weight, based on the dry weight of the composition.

25 10. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the respiring biological material is bananas.

11. (Previously presented) A sealable container which, when sealed around a respiring biological material, is suitable for use in the method of claim 1 and which

30 (a) has an interior surface at least part of which is composed of a hydrophilic polymer composition (HPC), and

(b) comprises an auxiliary component comprising a second polymeric composition (i) which is not an HPC, and (ii) through which pass oxygen and carbon dioxide entering or leaving the packaging atmosphere.

5 12. (Previously presented) A sealed container which is suitable for use in the method of claim 1 and which

(a) has an interior surface at least part of which is composed of a hydrophilic polymer composition (HPC), and

10 (b) comprises an auxiliary component comprising a second polymeric composition (i) which is not an HPC, and (ii) through which pass oxygen and carbon dioxide entering or leaving the packaging atmosphere.

13-14. Canceled.

15 15. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the HPC comprises polylactic acid.

16-18. Canceled.

20 19. (New) A method according to claim 1 wherein (1) the HPC is in the form of a film having a window therein, and (2) the auxiliary component (i) covers the window, and (ii) is an atmosphere control member having a R ratio of at least 1.5 and comprising a microporous film having a coating of the non-HPC polymeric material thereon.

25 20. (New) A method according to claim 1 wherein (1) the HPC is in the form of a polyester film having a window therein, and (2) the auxiliary component (i) covers the window, and (ii) is an atmosphere control member having a R ratio of at least 1.5 and comprising a microporous film having a coating of the non-HPC polymeric material thereon, the non-HPC polymeric material comprising a side chain crystalline polymer.

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21. (New) A sealable container according to claim 11 wherein (1) the HPC is in the form of a film having a window therein, and (2) the auxiliary component (i) covers the window, and (ii) is an atmosphere control member having a R ratio of at least 1.5 and comprising a microporous film having a coating of the non-HPC polymeric material thereon.

22. (New) A sealable container according to claim 11 wherein (1) the HPC is in the form of a film having a window therein, and (2) the auxiliary component (i) covers the window, and (ii) is an atmosphere control member having a R ratio of at least 1.5 and comprising a microporous film having a coating of the non-HPC polymeric material thereon, the non-HPC polymeric material comprising a side chain crystalline polymer.

23. (New) A sealable container according to claim 11 wherein (1) the HPC is in the form of a polyester film having a window therein, and (2) the auxiliary component (i) covers the window, and (ii) is an atmosphere control member having a R ratio of at least 1.5 and comprising a microporous film having a coating of the non-HPC polymeric material thereon.

24. (New) A method of storing a respiring biological material wherein the respiring biological material is stored in a packaging atmosphere within a sealed container which consists essentially of (1) a polyester film having a window therein and (2) an auxiliary component which covers the window;  
the polyester film, when immersed in water at 23°C, having an equilibrium water content of at least 4.0%, based on the dry weight of the film; and  
the auxiliary component being an atmosphere control member (i) through which pass oxygen and carbon dioxide entering or leaving the packaging atmosphere, (ii) which has an R ratio of at least 1.5, and (iii) which comprises a microporous film having a coating of a non-HPC polymeric material thereon.

25. (New) A method according to claim 24 wherein the non-HPC polymeric material comprises a side chain crystalline polymer.